

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1885.

## HOME NEWS.

### ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL. MAIL.

Going South: 8:45 A. M. and 8:30 P. M.

Going North: 8:45 A. M. and 6:45 P. M.

There will be services at the Christian church on Sunday.

Another '82 is anticipated in the way of an immense crop.

New goods at GREEN & PRICE'S.

Butter and eggs on ice at HINZIE'S.

New lawns, 5, 7 and 10c.

GREEN & PRICE.

Great bargains in Parasols, at GREEN & PRICE'S.

Refrigerators, first-class, at HINZIE'S.

Best Ties, at BLOUNT & CO'S.

New Slippers, cheap, at GREEN & PRICE.

Ladies' broad-brim hats at 25 cents. DAILY & BRO.

Hominy, Grits, Prunes and Currants, at BLOUNT & CO'S.

Ladies' summer vests, cheap, at GREEN & PRICE'S.

Evaporated apples, the best and cheapest in the market at MARTIN HINZIE'S.

Fresh Cracknels, Lemon, Cream and Vanilla Bars, at BLOUNT & CO'S.

Lawns, piques etc., at 10 cts. and up. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

New satins, pink, blue and black. GREEN & PRICE.

Hawkes' crystallized lens spectacles may still be had at MCALLISTER'S.

Just received, a fresh lot of lard, bacon and hams, at M. HINZIE'S.

Insect powder—sure shot—at MCALLISTER'S.

Nice line of water-coolers just received at M. HINZIE'S.

Pratt's Gins, Feeders, Condensers. New lot of Bolting and Fasteners received. Lubricating Oil 75c per gallon. G. W. DONALSON & CO.

Just arrived at Blount & Co's, a car load of fine Family and Fancy Patent Flour, which will be sold at prices to suit the times.

Single copies of the FREE PRESS for sale at the office, also at the book store of Russell & Ellison, five cents a copy.

Fruit Jars, Extra Rubbers, Preserve Kettles. G. W. DONALSON & CO'S. Hardware Store.

Fine Cabinet Photos from \$4.50 to \$5.50 per doz., at CHAPMAN'S, in the Combs building. jun9-1w

Remember—we are offering clothing and summer hats at a reduced price. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Just received, carload Royal Patent and Eagle Brand Flour pronounced to be the best in the market at M. HINZIE'S.

Black-eyed peas at Fromme's drugstore.

La. molasses, great reduction in price at MCALLISTER'S.

Just opened—cheap lawns, prints, domestics, gingham, ladies gloves, etc. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

We are now in receipt of a part car-load of strictly first-class flour—exported by none which we will sell under a strict guarantee. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Nothing but fine work done at jun9-1w CHAPMAN'S.

For Sale. First class Phaeton for sale cheap. Trial allowed. Apply to Mrs. Geo. Briggs. 184t

### Wanted to Buy

1000 Tin Lard Buckets with Lids. June 18-4t HARDY & CO.

SINGLE copies of the Daily St. Louis Republic and Globe-Democrat, New York Sun, Chicago News, etc., may be had at this office.

Carload of the justly celebrated Moline Wagons received and offered for sale at reasonable prices and terms. WM. GRIESE, Agent.

### Bees and Honey!

We are prepared to furnish bee fixtures, hives and queen bees. Honey at 8 and 10 cents per pound. J. M. KILGORE & CO. Je 25-2w.

Mrs. Richardson, who has been sick a short time is now able to resume business. All her customers who have been waiting will please now bring or send in their orders, which shall receive prompt attention.

CASH FOR PRINTING.—All job work, which is essentially a cash business, must hereafter be paid for in cash. Don't ask us for credit or trade in this department.

Another large assortment of the latest styles of type, rules and ornaments just received at this office, which enables us to turn out still handsomer work than ever before. Call and see samples when in need of job work.

We have still on hand several copies of our extra containing a description of San Marcos and Hays county, much the fullest, and we believe conceded to be the best and most truthful matter of the kind which has yet appeared. Just the thing to send to answer inquiries from abroad. Single copies five cents.

### Firemen's Anniversary Celebration.

The San Marcos Hook and Ladder Co., will celebrate their first anniversary on the 25th day of August by a basket picnic at McGhee's grove. There will also be on that day a public installation of officers of the company. We extend to everyone a general invitation and to the Alert Hose Company we extend a "special invitation." Big preparations are being made and a grand time is anticipated by all.

O. H. RAU, WM. TAYLOR, B. F. BLOUNT, CHAS. WETZEL, CHAS. BYRNE. Com of Ar.

THEODORE HEERING, Agt., San Marcos, Texas.

### Free School Election—The Result.

The following is the result of the election on Tuesday:

For the town taking control, 75

Against, 31

Majority, 44

For election of trustees, 91

Against, 18

Majority, 73

Total maj. for town taking control, 113

Total maj. for election of trustees, 143

Total vote, 187

Wonder if Mr. Julian will lend his influence to further the Chautauque movement in San Marcos? Some have expressed doubts on the subject, on the ground that the religious character of the institution militates against his "Free Thinking" or "Free Press" notions.

The above is from the Kyle News—Jeff. McLenore, editor. The course of the FREE PRESS as to the Chautauque movement here answers his question. It has uniformly advocated the movement, and its editor has taken some shares in it.

In his remarkable solicitude as to the religious states of the FREE PRESS, Mr. McLenore, as ever, but echoes the voice of other "fellows of the baser sort" who sustain him. The whisperings that we are "an infidel," etc., we know, have long been circulated by these fellows wherever they fancied they might be believed. We will not, of course, go into any defense on this subject, but simply ask either our friends or enemies to point to any paper in Texas, outside of the strictly religious journals, which advocates a higher standard of morals and practical Christianity than the FREE PRESS.

And we will further suggest, that the assumption of inquisitorial powers, religiously speaking, by Mr. McLenore, is exceedingly edifying. A man who never tells the truth if he can possibly avoid it; who has repeatedly been "in trouble" because of various sorts of "crookedness," and who is now under bond to answer to a criminal charge in the courts at Austin, is certainly eminently well qualified to sit in judgment on the alleged heresies of the FREE PRESS!

See notice of Chief Reynolds with respect to drill in the use of the fire-alarm bell. Such drill is obviously indispensable. He gives notice and explanation so none of our people may be needlessly alarmed or excited by the ringing of the bell.

### Our Normal School.

We were reminded of duty last week in not announcing again the meeting of our Summer Normal, which convened on yesterday, at Coronado Institute. We were unable to be present at the opening, but learn there are a goodly number in attendance from abroad. The school will no doubt be a very interesting and profitable one, and we hope to see a large attendance this term.

"Free grass" is being daily exhibited in our court house yard, the gates proving no obstacle to wandering cattle. It is quite clear that gates of another kind will have to be substituted, at an additional expense to the county. We speak with fear and trembling, lest their High Mightiness, the County Commissioners, should adjudge us guilty of "high treason."

We are glad to notice the movement indicated elsewhere in our columns, in favor of the formation of a Literary and Library Association in our town. The FREE PRESS, having earnestly and persistently advocated this idea, of course wishes it a hearty God-speed.

We have seen no summer like this in the way of rain, save that of '73—the first one we spent here.

Our Chautauque and real estate associations are in receipt of their charters. The construction of a fence has been let, the grounds are being prepared, and everything looks favorable for an auspicious opening on the 11th of August.

The sessions of our Normal School will open at 8 a. m., and close about 12 m. No afternoon sessions. The school opened with a fair attendance from various quarters, notwithstanding bad weather. It will undoubtedly be largely attended.

A great deal is said about the opening of our Chautauque, August 11th. Wonder if it is realized that a great deal of work is to be done? It is high time all the committees were organized and at work.

While in the county clerk's office one day this week, we examined some new record books just received from Geo. D. Barnard & Co., of St. Louis. There are six of them, and they are the handsomest we have seen, being bound in full Russia, with embossed covers. A tag attached to each book testifies that they are the same exhibited at the New Orleans Exposition, where the manufacturers got the first premiums for the best blank books.

### Lost—Surgical Instruments.

On or about the 1st of June last, a pocket case of surgical instruments. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving them at this office.

### San Marcos Literary and Library Association.

At a meeting held in the court room in this place on Monday evening, the San Marcos Literary and Library Association was organized, a constitution and by-laws adopted, and the following officers elected, viz.: Rev. D. W. Fritchett, president; B. W. Smith, Jr., ex-president; Thos. J. Peel, sec'y and treasurer; E. P. Reynolds, cor. sec'y; Ed. A. Christian, librarian.

The object of the organization is to establish a library and reading-room for the cultivation and improvement of the minds and morals of the membership and others who may become interested therein, thru the medium of good books and other approved literature, and of lectures, essays, debates, etc.

The regular meetings of the Association will be held on the third Friday evening of each month. We invite an inspection of our constitution and by-laws by all persons who feel an interest in the movement thus inaugurated.

Those persons who have expressed a desire to become members of this association, and who were not present at the organization, will please be in attendance at the next regular meeting of the Association, on the third Friday evening (the 17th) of this month.

THOS. J. PEEL, Sec'y San Marcos Lit. & Lib. A. July 7, 1885.

### PERSONAL.

Judge Wood is again absent in Eastern Texas.

Who ought to pay the expenses of the school election of Tuesday last?

Messrs. Neighbors and Douglass, of Kyle, made the FREE PRESS a pleasant call on Tuesday.

C. G. Bills has opened business in the fruit and confectionery line in the front part of Goodspeed's restaurant.

Mr. Murchison, who has in charge the preparing of our "Chautauque" grounds, reports that good progress has been made.

Taylor & Bro. have their new platform scales in operation, and now Hinzle is constructing another alongside of his grocery store.

We had a pleasant call, the first of the week, from Prof. Thomas, of Prairie Lea Academy. He expects to spend vacation mainly at this place.

Mrs. Poor, who resides with Mrs. Sanders, and who has been confined to her bed for several weeks with sickness, we are glad to learn is convalescent.

Ex-Commissioner Ratliff was in town on yesterday. He has lately visited Northern Texas, and reports the wheat crop there as yielding 45 bushels to the acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jones have rented out their home here, and gone for an indefinite stay at the new town of Harold, near the northern boundary of the state.

Senior Cresencio Padilla has opened a children's restaurant, in the building adjoining McCallan & Grainger's new ice cream saloon, on the east side of the square.

Rev. Mr. Newell, residing near Lockhart, we learn has an extraordinary crop of gourds. Thus far, they have all "gone to handle," one being four feet in length. The bowls are expected to develop later.

The following persons are registered at the Hofheinz: Prof. Roto and wife, of San Antonio; B. Rank, Galveston; E. A. Childs, Austin; Corporal Geo. P. Endress, Lynchburg, Va.; G. W. Householder, Kansas City.

We learn the Methodist ladies of Prairie Lea have raised, by means of a festival, some \$1,000 or \$1,500 towards building a new church. Mrs. Mooney is one of the leaders in the movement. A creditable display of enterprise in a commendable work.

Marie Wright, a fascinating young widow representing the "Sunny South," of Atlanta, paid our town a visit a few days since. We understand our young prospective journalistic friend, Mr. Hull, "aid the honors" in the way of introducing her to our people. His gallantry is to be commended.

The funeral of Sam. K. Malone, son of James L. Malone, took place on Saturday, the 4th. He was a promising young man, and up to the time of his going to the frontier to reside, bade fair for a long life of usefulness; but exposure in his new location cost him his health, which he never recovered.

We should sooner have mentioned the death of Miss Belle Davis, who, with her mother, was for several months a sojourner at this place. She died at Chicago, June 13th. Another instance among many before, of fruitless wandering after lost health. Far better for this class to remain quietly at home among old scenes and friends.

WARRANT DEEDS for sale at the FREE PRESS office.

The communication on Temperance, from Dripping Springs, will appear in our next.

The weather on the 4th was so inclement as to prevent its celebration to a large extent in Texas.

In consequence of absence, we were remiss in not noticing favors received from Messrs. Jeff Travis and Willie Joyce, both of whom furnish a first-class article of ice-cream. Give them a call.

RIGHT AT LAST.—The time of the Blanco injunction suit has twice been erroneously stated in our columns; so we learn from Maj. Hutchison, who informs us the case is actually set for July 21st, before Judge Teichmuller, at this place.

Owing to our absence, we have failed sooner to notice a number of "Literary Life," an illustrated magazine of Chicago, which was kindly handed us by Miss Russell. It contains among other interesting matter a poem entitled "The Sweet San Antonio River," by Mrs. Bella F. Swisher, handsomely illustrated.

We meant to call attention to what our Blanco correspondent of week-before-last said of the necessity of improving the road between this place and Blanco, if we would retain even our present share of the trade of that town. We have active competitors, and it will not do for us to go to sleep over the matter. In fact, there is nothing second in importance to our town, to securing good roads in all directions.

If you haven't paid your water bill, you had better keep a sharp lookout for Pat, with his "little wrench."

### Notice to Water Consumers.

Any person allowing parties not included in their application to use water from their hydrants, will be closed off without notice if the fact is known to the

### WATER COMPANY.

Prof. Roto made us a pleasant call last week on route home from the Teachers' State Association at Waco, which he stated was largely attended and very interesting. We are to have Prof. R. & Co. as speakers, and we trust he will favor our people with an address on the great subject of public education, a topic upon which he is so well prepared to speak.

### Firemen's Picnic.

Last week we gave notice that we, (the S. M. H. & L. Co.) would have our picnic at Bales' pasture, but we have since considered the matter and find that the McGhee picnic grounds is a more suitable place. We will therefore have a basket picnic at the McGhee picnic grounds on the 25th of August. Come one, come all!

THE HOOK AND LADDER BOYS.

### Notice.

The communion service to have been held at the Presbyterian Church on the 4th Sunday in June, was postponed on Saturday, July 12th, at 11 o'clock. On Saturday night, July 11th, at 8:30 o'clock, there will be preaching by the pastor. All are cordially invited to attend.

### Religious Notice.

A Mexican Missionary Camp Meeting will take place at Mr. Joe Jennings' farm, about 2 miles below Martindale, Caldwell county, near the Luling road, commencing, if the weather permits, on the 9th inst., and closing on the 12th. We invite all the friends of the Gospel to attend. The meeting will be self-supporting. There will be preaching in English and Spanish, by the following Missionaries: Rev. A. H. Sutherland, Pres't of Mexican Border Missions; Rev. Jas. Taffola, P. E.; Rev. Adolfo Cardenas, P. C.; Rev. Manuel Trevino, P. C. S. M. M.; Rev. J. C. Hernandez, P. C. Lodi M. M.; Rev. Marcelino Pineda, Local Preacher.

### SUMMER RAIN.

For the Free Press.

The low, black cloud along the horizon grows nearer, broader, blacker, and the wind with stronger sweep blows down the fast-sed cloud.

It hurls the rain-drops headlong to the ground, And wakes a grand, wild music in the trees; Then sinks a while, and down between the clouds.

The quiet sunlight shines, and all is still. Save here and there a drop from that dark cloud.

The raging whirlwind left in middle sky. In instant murmurs 'neath the horizon.

Now, thro' the shadowy canopy of mist, Darts the electric flash; a hollow sound Jars all the air with one low, smother'd roar; Then, like a peal of loud artillery, The deafening thunders rend the sky, and sink

As if the lightning had condensed the cloud, Sudden it seeks the earth; and such the sound.

Of myriad drops in quick succession pour'd, It charms the senses into perfect rest, And bids all care and tedious thought be gone. A welcome boon, alike to field and plain— What priceless bounty falls with summer rain!

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, July 1, '85.

### Died.

On the 7th inst., in this place, Frankie, infant son of Mr. Frank and Mrs. Helen Hamilton, aged eight months.

Keen anguish fills the bleeding hearts So sadly called to mourn;

The barbed points of sorrow's darts In silence now are borne.

Death, with relentless, cruel hand, Hath torn from them the one

They loved the best of all the band— He was their first-born son.

Who can assuage such crushing grief, Who to the mourner bring relief, And turn their loss to gain?

From mortals, angels, all we turn; There is no hand but His Can aid, who said we all must learn Of such God's kingdom is.

O, then, ye mourners, weep no more; For, though beneath the sod, He lives, and doth with angels soar Through the paradise of God.

HATTIE.

A friend insists on calling a new institution of our town by its right name, viz: "San Marcos Sunday School Assembly and Summer Institute," and objects to introducing the name "Chautauque" in our case. The point might at least be worth considering. We think the length of the name would be the principal objection to our friend's suggestion. The last half of it, viz: "San Marcos Summer Institute," it seems to us would alone be very neat and complete.

### To the People of San Marcos.

That the alarm bell may be made of the utmost utility in promoting the efficiency of our fire department, familiarity with the code of signals is necessary.

This knowledge can only be obtained by exercises with the bell. I have therefore deemed it my duty to order a drill in the signals on the evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 21st, 22nd and 23rd insts.

The drill will occur between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock p. m., and this publicity is given to avoid unnecessary alarm to our citizens, who might be excited if not informed of the reasons for the bell ringing. Foremen are expected to have full attendance of their companies at the drill, which will be conducted under directions of Asst. Chief Hutchings.

Chief San Marcos Fire Dept.

### Two Copies for \$3.50.

Inasmuch as many persons desire to send copies abroad, and by way of encouragement to do so, we offer two copies of the FREE PRESS at \$3.50—cash in advance.

### Legal Card.

W. D. Wood and Owen Ford have associated themselves together for the practice of law in civil matters in Hays county, Texas. Office in Wood's new building, up stairs, San Marcos. Oct. 25-ly.

### I Am Agent For

McCormick self-binding, Mowers etc, Jackson wagons

Deer plows

Casidy sulky plows

Standard cut plows

Bookwater hay rakes

Wheeler Thrashers

And other machinery and farm implements for which I solicit orders, guaranteeing lowest prices and best terms.

WM. GRIESE.

### Staples' Store.

STAPLES' STORE, July 3, 1885.

ED. FREE PRESS.—We are having a dry, hot time of it here now—no rain, and not much sign of it here, though it rains all around us. We are beginning to think, like Mr. Prince, that we are a hard nut on the San Marcos river. The meeting closed at Pleasant Ridge, with only five converted and two joined; hope they will not prove to be Sunday Christians, as a great many do.

Mr. Bill Crunk is very sick.

I think there will be several weddings in this neighborhood soon. I think every lad who can raise \$1.50 is wanting to get married, now-a-days.

Mr. Geo. C. Staples and G. D. Antry have returned from Colorado City. They report hard times there.

Mr. R. H. White found a bee-tree in Mr. J. W. Scott's pasture last Saturday—got 125 pounds of nice, white honey out of it. He thinks if he could do that every day, it would beat cotton-raising.

Camp-meeting begins near Prairie Lea today. Guess they will have a regular jubilee.

I found a cotton-boll opened in my field last Sunday morning. Who can beat that?

LOKE STAR.

The shooting match between the San Marcos and New Braunfels gun clubs took place at New Braunfels on the 4th. The San Marcos team labored under a disadvantage as all their practice had been before a common trap while the match was shot before a rotary trap. The result was a tie. Below will be found the scores.

### SAN MARCOS TEAM.

OUT OF SEVENTY-FIVE SCORES.

Tom Glover 14, Nix Paris 14, D. A. Glover 20, J. V. Hutchins 16, W. Key 11, Ford Burleson 15, C. G. Weiss, 22, Geo. McGhee 17, E. Fritchett 17, John Williamson, 17. Total out of 240 shots 173.

### NEW BRAUNFELS TEAM.

OUT OF SEVENTY-FIVE SCORES.

Groves 22, Clements 11, Ford 20, Smith, 25, Goughman 16, Fritchett 18, Schell 13, Grobe 18, Robinson 16, Veeler 18. Total out of 240 shots 173.

### A CARD.

To all who are suffering from the various and innumerable diseases of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, etc., I will send a receipt that will cure you FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to Rev. James T. Texas, Station D. New York City. 19 85

## "SEEING IS BELIEVING."

Nowadays everybody has got into the habit of "Spinning Big Yarns" in the Newspapers in reference to their prices on their goods. One will go as far as to fairly give an article away in order to get you to buy another article.

This is all very fine as far as it goes. But you can rest assured that indirectly you pay for all you can get on the so-called "gratis principle." Look well into this matter. "A word to the Wise is Sufficient." Again we repeat, "seeing is believing." The New Firm of

## B. F. Blount & Co., Iglehart Building

Respectfully invite you to "see" their fresh stock of Groceries, examine thoroughly their prices, and will guarantee you will not only believe but in fact you will feel positive you can do better at their house than anywhere else. ju 11

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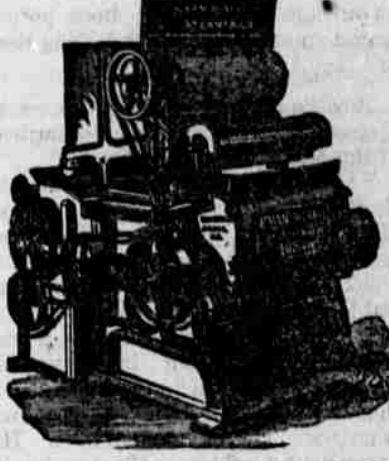
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